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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly and independently considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

EP 0794650, the article to Rosenberg, and the article to Lennox listed herein are submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), but after the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Each of these items was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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It is respectfully requested that the documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement be independently considered by the Examiner.

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